to satisfy all the objections raised in the US *Super 301; and*

(d) the steps, if any taken to solicit wide ranging opinion from the public?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). Keeping in view the suggestions which have been made by various groups, Government propose to amend the Copyright Act, 1957 to make it mare comprehensive and effective. This proposal is in a preliminary stage. As regards the other laws pertaining to intellectual property rights, there is no concrete proposal under consideration of the Government at present, although two committees, in the Departments of Biotechnology and in the ICAR, are going into certain aspects of intellectual property rights and the question of regulating the use of foreign brand names/trade marks is also under examination in all its aspects in the Department of Industrial Development. These issues are under examination in order to address national concerns and not to respond to requests from foreign governments.

[*Translation*]

Deforestation in Gujarat

2602. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of deforestation in Bharuch and Surat districts of Gujarat during last five years; and

(b) if so, the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Information is being collected from Gujarat Government and will be laid on the Table of *the House.*

Proposals of Rajasthan government Regarding Phase IV of Operation Blackboard Programme

2603. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) wnether the Union Government have received proposals from the Government of Rajasthan regarding Phase IV of operation Black Board Programme;

(b) the time by which the Government propose to convene the meeting of the State Levei Committee in this regard;

(c) whether, keeping in view the backwardness of Rajasthan is the field of education, the government propose to provide more grants to the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal has already been sanctioned.

(c) Since the State has been fully covered under the scheme of Operation Blackboard, there is no such proposal to provide more grants to the State.

(d) The question does not arise.

[*English*]

Out of Turn Allotment of DDA Flats/ Plots/Shops

2604. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: